Minutes

Of The
One Hundred Sixty Fourth
Annual Session
Of The

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Hosted By

UNION GROVE CHURCH

Monroe, North Carolina

September 13,14,15

1996

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Proceedings
Of The 164th Annual Session Of theOriginal Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Friday, September 13, 1996

The association convened with Union Grove Primitive Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m. and joined in songs of praise after which Elder Paul Stroupe led in prayer and Elder Newell Helms, pastor of Union Grove Church preached the introductory sermon using Hebrews 13:13 as a text.

After a break for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer and convened for business. Elder Newell Helms served as moderator, Brother Ken Austin served as clerk and Brother Keith Ledbetter was called to serve as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches and their status was noted.

UNION GROVE: Represented by entire membership.

BEAR CREEK: Brethren Curtis Furr, David Anderson, Jimmy Dunn and Walter Almond.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Tim Goodman, Tom Vanhoy and Terry Honeycutt.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Mike Helms, Michael Stewart, Truby High and Elder Charles Smith.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Heath Simpson, Maurice Broadway, Jerry Honeycutt and Richard Broadway.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Hal Bouldin, Don Bowman, Lindsey Allen and Clyde Locklear.

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Marshall Gaskey, Tim Herrin, Bill Allman and Gene Herrin.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Barry Cole, Grayson Auman, Garry Robinson and Allen Copple.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Lowell Broadway, Dennis Pressley, Aubrey Chaney and Earl Crook.

PARK VIEW: Brethren Branan Hooven, Scott Bullard, Steve Bullard and Mike Lester.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Joe Hatley, Eldridge Furr, Kim Honeycutt and Alan Medlin.

BETHEL: Brethren Charles Gore, Mason Anderson, Doug McLamb and Robert Turner.

CORINTH: Brethren Kenneth Putman, Jennings Hough, Jim Briscoe and Charles Putman.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Joe Al.lman, Warren Griffin, Randy Williams and Wayne Efird.

NEW HOPE: Brethren C. R. Smith, Edsel Thomas, Terry Cesco and Sister Ronda Cesco.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None received.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

PREACHING COMMITTEE: Elder E. W. Hooven, Elder Larry Austin, Elder Joe Helms, Brethren Carl Haigler, David Anderson, Mason Anderson and Tom Vanhoy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Brethren Barry Helms, R. W. Knight, Gene Herrin, Kim Honeycutt, Richard McGee, Dennis Pressley and Truby High.

5. Called for presbytery reports: None presented.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Tony Parker, Elder Worth Stephenson and Brother Kenneth Stephenson.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Elder Clyde Meek.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

TENNESSEE -NOLACHUCKY: Elder & Sister James Cooper.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder & Sister Kenneth Robbins, Elder Noel Lee, Sister Erma Wells, Sister Ronda Slusher, Sister Harold Tipton and Sister Celeste Tipton Raulerson.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Kenneth Watts, Elder Coy Brothers, Elder & Sister I. G. Heaven, Sister Maudie Brothers, Sister Lena Watts, Sister Amy Thompson and Sister Daonne Thompson.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Minutes.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence and joyfully received the following:

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ASSN. (TN): Elder & Sister Julius Sammons, Sister Wiley Sammons.

ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSN. (GA): Elder & Sister Sam Bowen.

KETOCTON ASSN. (VA): Elder & Sister J. R. Kosch.

EBENEZER ASSN. (GA): Elder Sam Bryant.

MT. ZION ASSN. (WV): Elder & Sister Franklin Oresta.

ECHECONNEE ASSN. (GA): Elder Dennis Jones.

OCHCLOCKNEE ASSN. (GA): Elder & Sister C. A. Blanton.

CENTRAL FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP: Elder Roy Bowles.

MT. ENON ASSN. (FL): Brother & Sister Bob Kilpatrick.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSN.: Sister Elsie Collins, Brother & Sister Cecil Wyatt.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHURCH (TN): Elder Harold Hunt.

LOVE'S GROVE CHURCH: Elder John Belton.

CAT CREEK CHURCH (GA): Elder & Sister Bob Dickerson.

HERRIN'S GROVE CHURCH: Elder Charles Broadway.

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder & Sister Milton Gunter.

ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH: Elder & Sister Steven Nichols, Brother Justin Nichols and Sister Andrea Nichols.

AFTON ROAD CHURCH (VA): Elder Dan Parker, Sister Bernice Handy, Sister Margaret Lunsford, Sister Mary Griffin and Sister Etta Jennings.

LITTLE CREEK CHURCH (SC): Elder Charles Crapse.

COMMUNITY CHURCH (VA): Brother O'Bain Hylton.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH (AL): Brother Michael Mitchell.

MIDDLERUN CHURCH (OH): Brother & Sister Kenneth Ratcliff.

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Carlo Mabe, Brother Brice Oakley and Brother Paul Lemons.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It is understood that any member of our association may represent us at any association.)

LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th week-end, Sept.): Elder W. M. Benton, Elder Joe Helms, Elder Roy Speir, Elder Richard Kirby, Brethren Clayton Griffin and Truby High.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (lst week-end, Sept.): Elder E. W. Hooven.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder Paul Stroupe.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA, (3rd week-end, Aug .): Minutes

TENNESSEE -NOLACHUCKY, (2nd week-end, Sept.) Elder Roy Speir Elder Newell Helms.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd week-end, Aug .): Elder Roy Speir, Elder Newell Helms, Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Ed Pressley and Ken Austin.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd week-end, Sept.): Elder E. W. Hooven, Elder Newell Helms, Elder Joe Helms, Brethren Earl Crook, Kim Honeycutt, Lane Vanhoy and Truby High.

SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd week-end, Sept.): Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder W. M. Benton was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday meeting.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 with the meeting to continue at the Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle.

Prayer by Elder Roy Bowles.

Saturday, September 14, 1996

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at the Agri-Civic Center. After prayer by Elder Roy Speir the business continued as follows:

12. After roll call of the messengers we acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items six and seven.

13. Called for the report of the finance committee:

Received from the churches	$ 5685:00
Received from friends	$ 1421.00
Total receipts.....	$ 7106.00

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request 5th Sunday meetings and granted the following:

September 1996	Park View
December 1996	Mountain Creek
March 1997	Pleasant Hill
June 1997	Bethel
August 1997	High Point

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with Bear Creek Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1997 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon. All three days will be held at the Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle, N.C.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expenses the finance committee may consider to be expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His grace and mercy and to the members and friends of Union Grove Church for their labors during this meeting. We, also, wish to express our thanks to Mr. Leon Warren, manager of the Agri-Civic Center for his kind assistance.

Prayer by Elder W. M. Benton

Elder Newell Helms, moderator
Ken Austin, clerk
Keith Ledbetter, assistant clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Received from the churches	$ 5685.00
Received from friends	$ 1421.00
Total receipts	$ 7106.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing minutes and other clerk's expenses	$ 750.00
Ministers and miscellaneous expense	$ 6356.00
Total disbursements	$ 7106.00

Corresponding Letter

Dear Brethren, sisters and friends,

We humbly welcome you to visit with us and for no other reason than to preach the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to fellowship His spirit among each other and maintain good works that the spirit may be saved.

The church has come a long way through much afflictions, and some because the children of God let down the arms of their leader. This puts a burden on each man called to preach and keep order in the house of God. Let us be careful of the little foxes, for they will spoil the vine.

God has been good to us and blessed us to have peace in love for His church and for each other. Christ is the head of the church. He is our mighty God, Wonderful, Counselor, the Prince of Peace and the government is upon His shoulders. Oh, how beautiful it is for all to dwell together in the unity of peace. Let us put each other first in all things and do unto others as we would have them to do unto us.

Brethren, feed the flock of God which the Holy Ghost has made you overseer.

May we keep ourselves that we can lovingly have a spirit of desire to continue coming together.

God bless each one is my humble prayer.

Elder Wm. M. Benton

ORDER OF SERVICE

Friday morning

Prayer: Elder Paul Stroupe
Elder Newell Helms - Heb. 13:13
Prayer: Elder Guy Hunt

Friday afternoon

Prayer: Elder Steven Nichols
Elder John Belton - Luke 19:1 -8
Elder Sam Bryant - Prov. 22:28
Prayer: Elder Tony Parker

Friday night (Union Grove Church)

Prayer: Elder Rommie Williams
Elder Dennis Jones - II Cor. 1:9 -10
Elder Milton Gunter - Rom. 4:13- 17
Elder Dan Parker - Isa. 33:20- 22
Prayer: Elder KennethWatts

Friday night (Mountain Creek Church)

Prayer: Elder Bob Dickerson
Elder Clyde Meek - I John 1: 1
Elder Kenneth Robbins - Gen. 1:1
Prayer: Elder Richard Kirby

Saturday Morning

Prayer: Elder Roy Speir
Elder Franklin Oresta - Ezek. 16:1 -6
Elder James Cooper
Elder Bob Dickerson - Acts 2:7
Elder Sam Bowen - Rom. 8:29
Prayer: Elder Charles Crapse

Order of Services (cont'd)

Saturday Afternoon

Prayer: Elder Kenneth Watts
Elder Tony Parker - II Cor. 3:1 -3
Elder J. R. Kosch - Rom. 12:1 -2
Elder C. A. Blanton - Exod. 24:10
Elder Worth Stephenson - Rom. 10:1- 2
Prayer: Brother David Anderson

Saturday night (Civic Center)

Prayer: Elder E. W. Hooven
Elder Coy Brothers - Matt. 1: 19- 21
Elder Guy Hunt - Judges 6
Prayer: Elder Richard Kirby

Saturday night (High Hill Church)

Prayer: Brother Dennis Pressley
Elder Noel Lee - Acts 17:1 -4
Elder Roy Bowles - Matt.19:16
Prayer: Brother Mason Anderson

Sunday Morning

Prayer: Elder Rom Kerley
Elder I. G. Heaven - Rom. 5:1 -2
Elder Kenneth Watts - Matt. 11:28
Elder Julius Sammons - I Tim. 3:14
Elder Guy Hunt - I John5:19-20
Prayer: Elder Joe Helms

In Memoriam

The following precious brothers and sisters have departed this life since our last meeting. We sorely miss them.

High Point:	Deacon Clyde Payne
	Sister Nina Willard
	Sister Alice Cochran
	Sister Margaret Shoaf
Lawyer's Spring:	Brother William Vann Baucom
Liberty Hill:	Sister Lola Whitley
	Sister Beulah Tucker
Meadow Creek:	Sister Margaret Barbee
	Sister Corina Honeycutt
	Sister Eunice A. Honeycutt
Mills Chapel:	Sister Fay Sapp
	Sister Pauline Griffin
Mountain Creek:	Sister Zula Eury
Park View:	Sister Nannie Ruth Leonard
Pleasant Grove:	Sister Virginia Mills
Union Grove:	Sister Eunice W. Honeycutt
	Sister Floy Honeycutt
	Sister Essie Mae Outen
	Sister Naomi H. Funderburk

A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

Ecclesiastes 7:1

CHURCHES	PASTORS
Bear Creek	Elder Roy Speir
Mountain Creek	Elder Joe Helms
Lawyer's Spring	Elder Joe Helms
Crooked Creek	Elder Larry Austin
High Point	Elder Roy Speir
Meadow Creek	Elder Paul Stroupe
Pleasant Hill	Elder Roy Speir
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms
Park View	Elder E. W. Hooven
Liberty Hill	Elder Rom Kerley
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe Helms
Union Grove	Elder Newell Helms
Bethel	Elder Newell Helms
Corinth	Elder Richard Kirby
Mills Chapel	Elder Rom Kerley
New Hope	Elder Rommie Williams
	TOTALS

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Communion Sundays	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd. by relation	Rec'd. by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Contributions
2nd Aug	2							27	$ 250.00
3rd Jul	1						1	62	675.00
1st Aug	3		3			1	1	59	350.00
4th Jul	2	2						32	300.00
4th May							4	66	300.00
1st Jun	1						3	42	340.00
3rd Jun						1		40	420.00
1st Sep	1		1		1			74	400.00
3rd May	2				4	1	1	81	400.00
1st Jul	2					1	2	86	425.00
2nd Jul			1				1	47	300.00
2nd Aug	1						4	151	600.00
4th Jun	1							81	300.00
2nd Sep								20	100.00
2nd Jun	1						2	56	325.00
4th Aug	1		2					14	200.00
	18	2	7		5	4	19	938	$5685.00

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CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BEAR CREEK: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday night, Pastor

BETHEL: lst Sunday morning, Elder Austin: 2nd Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning, minister by invitation: 4th Sunday morning, Pastor

CORINTH: lst Sunday morning. Elder Williams: 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor.

CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday night, Elder Rom Kerley: 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HIGH HILL: lst Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning Elder Richard Cox; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

LAWYER'S SPRING: lst Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor: 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Williams.

LIBERTY HILL: lst Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

MEADOW CREEK: lst Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms, 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before: 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning. Elder Williams

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor: 4th Sunday morning, Elder Joe Helms.

PARKVIEW: lst Sunday morning, 2nd Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor: 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.

PLEASANT HILL 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder E. W. Hooven.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BEAR CREEK: Ray Almond, 24935 Millingport Rd., Stanfield, NC 28163

BETHEL: Robert Turner, P.O. Box 483, Little River, SC 29556

CORINTH: Tom Robinson, Jr., 55 Linestowe Dr., Belmont, NC 28012

CROOKED CREEK: W. T. Broadway, 5310 Rocky River Rd., N., Indian Trail, NC 28079

HIGH HILL: Dennis Pressley, 1117 Tom Boyd Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

HIGH POINT: Lindsey Allen, Rt. 12, Box 227, Winston-Salem, NC 27107

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NEW HOPE: Clarence R. Smith, 10657 Wilson Blvd., Blythewood, SC 29016

PARK VIEW: Elwood Ashby, 4175 Grubbs Road, Walkertown, NC 27051

PLEASANT GROVE: Clayton Griffin, 4740 Hwy. 205, Marshville, NC 28103

PLEASANT HILL: Allen Copple, Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203

UNION GROVE: Ken Austin, 3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BEAR CREEK: On Canton Rd., just west of Millingport Rd., approximately 6 miles west of Albemarle, NC.

BETHEL: Four miles northwest of Calabash, NC, 1/4 mile north of Hickman's Crossroads.

CORINTH: South Sims Street, King's Mountain, NC, 3 blocks off Highway 74.

CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, NC.

HIGH HILL: 2225 Concord Ave., Monroe, NC (Between Hwy,. 74 and Hwy. 601).

HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Road, 1 block off the 1500 block of North Main Street, High Point, NC.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, NC.

LIBERTY HILL: Ten miles west of Albemarle, NC on Highway 27 near Red Cross.

MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road between Highway 27 West and Highway 200 North near Locust, NC.

MILLS CHAPEL: On China Grove Road just off Lane Street between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, NC.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Five miles north of Albemarle, NC on Mountain Creek Church Road.

NEW HOPE: Nine miles east of Columbia, SC just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Rd.

PARK VIEW: 3209 Ridgewood Rd., .4 mile south of Hwy. 311 in Winston-Salem , NC.

PLEASANT GROVE: 3 1/2 miles north of Marshville, NC, approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.

PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, NC, south of Asheboro, NC.

UNION GROVE: 3613 Morgan Mill Rd. (Hwy. 200) approximately 4 miles north of Highway 74, Monroe. NC.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election: that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this association is being held, it is under the authority of the hostess church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the church invites the ministers and messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that church shall be the officers of the association, provided the pastor is a member of the association, and if not, the church shall elect any member of the association to preside as moderator. The church may request the help of any member of another sister church to assist in the business transactions of the association.

3. This association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this association: then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The finance committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the association shall so direct. The body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this association in the form of a minute.

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